

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK  
1992 HARWOOD DRIVE, PO BOX 52  
SANDY CREEK, NEW YORK 13145-0052

**Date:** September 10, 2025

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** Sandy Creek Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Timothy D. Ridgeway, Town Supervisor  
Nola J. Gove, Town Council Member  
John W. Wood Jr., Town Council Member  
A.Dave Warner, Town Council Member

**Absent:** Ruth E. Scheppard, Town Council Member

**Others Present:** Katrina McDougal, Nichole Wall, Ron Fisher, Bill Joyce (out at 6:27pm), Mike Kastler, Michael Yerdon (out at 6:28pm), Meg Sprague, Jessica Godfrey, Pat McDougal (in at 6:31pm), Jimmy Sprague III, Pam Pucello, Ed Eldridge, and Brittany Washburn.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Town Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Resolution #84-25** Motion made by Nola J. Gove seconded by John W. Wood Jr., the following resolution was **Adopted** with **4 Ayes** Ridgeway, Gove, Wood, and Warner

**0 No**

**1 Absent** Scheppard

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the minutes of the August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> meetings as written.

## REPORTS:

**Code Enforcement Officer** – James Sprague III, read the CEO report for August. There were eight permits and no new violations. This report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Mr. Sprague visited all properties with violations this year. Mr. Sprague shared photos of the progress at the Kent property, on Route 11, with the town board. Mr. Sprague would like to do a site visit to the Kent property with a couple of the Town Board members. There are a few piles of wood on the Kent property. Mr. Sprague plans to speak with Mr. Kent to see if he can straighten up the wood piles on the property. There is a fence here as well that may need to come down as it is too high. The trailers on this property are legal with plates on them.

**Sole Assessor** – No report received. We do need to reappoint William "Bill" Joyce to the Board of Assessment Review as his term expires on September 30th.

**Resolution #85-25** Motion made by Nola J. Gove, seconded by John W. Wood Jr., the following resolution was **Adopted** with **4 Ayes** Ridgeway, Gove, Wood, and Warner

**0 No**

**1 Absent** Scheppard

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek reappoints William Joyce for a 5-year term as a member of the Board of Assessment Review effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2030.

**Dog Control Officer** – Report for August has been filed with the Town Clerk's office.

**Highway/Water Superintendent** – Mike Kastler read his Highway report for August. His report is on file with the Town Clerk’s office.

**Resolution #86-25** Motion made by Dave Warner, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was  
**Adopted** with           **4 Ayes**           Ridgeway, Gove, Wood, and Warner  
                                  **0 No**  
                                  **1 Absent**           Scheppard

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek agrees that an installment purchase contract with KS State Bank is required in order to acquire a 2026 Volvo VHD. The terms of this contract are one payment per year for seven years with a total price of \$342,725.36.

**Highway/Water Superintendent – (Continued)** – Mike Kastler read his water report for August. There was an issue with a delinquent water customer that had their water shut off due to non-payment. The water operators checked on the issue and discovered that the water had been turned back on illegally. The police were contacted as this is theft of services. There is a leaky fire hydrant on Chipman Lane that will need to be dug up to be repaired.

**RESOLUTION 87-25**

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED - 4 Ayes**           Ridgeway, Gove, Warner, Wood  
                                  **0 No**  
                                  **1 Absent**           Scheppard

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek agrees to assign the following recommended EDUs:

<b>Tax ID</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Property Location</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>
	<b>EDU</b>	<b>EDU</b>		
027.11-02-03.04	0.10	0.50	32 Wigwam Dr	Gdovin
027.11-02-05.03	Split	1.00	Off Co Rt 15 (Carnsie’s Pl)	Carnsie’s Marina Resort LLC
027.11-02-05.04	Split	0.50	Off Co Rt 15 (Carnsie’s Pl)	Moziak
027.12-01-04	1.50	1.25	10 Kiblin Shores Cir	Cady
027.00-04-15.02	2.25	1.50	160-162 Ouderkirk Rd	Wallis

**Historian** – Monthly report is on file with the Town Clerk’s office.

**Judges** – Monthly reports are filed with the Town Supervisor. Judge Terry Crast is in the hospital. We are sending him well wishes.

**Legislator** – Michael Yerdon – The County is currently working on the 2026 budget. Not much else to report.

**Library** – Jessica Godfrey – Read a few highlights from their September newsletter for the library.

**NOCA** – No report was received. We did receive a copy of their budget for 2026.

**Planning Board** – Bill Joyce – Mr. Ehle was present at their meeting. He has plans to buy the property across the street from the old Rail City on Route 3. He would like to create a golf community with luxury apartments. Nothing has been brought forward in writing and Mr. Ehle has not purchased the property yet. We need to approve adding the Village of Lacona to the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board. There was a discussion about reappointing Shirley Rice to the Planning Board but that is something the Village of Sandy Creek will need to do. The Village of Sandy Creek, Village of Lacona, and Town of Sandy Creek boards will need to have

a joint meeting to establish an Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) between the three municipalities for the planning board.

**RESOLUTION#88-25** The Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek, in the County of Oswego, State of New York, met at a regular meeting held in the Municipal Building, located at 1992 Harwood Drive, Sandy Creek, New York 13145, on the 10th day of September, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway, and the following Council Members were present:

Nola J. Gove  
A. Dave Warner  
John W. Wood Jr.

Absent: Ruth E. Scheppard

Also present: Brittany M. Washburn, Town Clerk

The following resolution was proposed, moved, seconded and adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sandy Creek and the Village of Sandy Creek have previously established a joint municipal planning board known as the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board pursuant to Village Law §7-718, Town Law §271, and General Municipal Law Article 5-G; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lacona has expressed a desire to join the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board and participate in coordinated planning, subdivision, and site plan review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board (“Town Board”) of the Town of Sandy Creek finds that the inclusion of the Village of Lacona will enhance regional planning and provide for efficient and consistent land use review;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby consents to and approves the entry of the Village of Lacona into the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board, subject to the execution of an intermunicipal agreement among the participating municipalities; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Sandy Creek Supervisor is authorized and directed to execute said intermunicipal agreement on behalf of the Town, subject to approval as to form by counsel; and

Upon motion made by Timothy D. Ridgeway, and seconded by Nola J. Gove, the foregoing resolution was put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

Timothy D. Ridgeway, Supervisor	Yes
Ruth E. Sheppard, Council Member	Absent
Nola J. Gove, Council Member	Yes
Dave Warner, Council Member	Yes
John W. Wood Jr., Council Member	Yes

Resolution was adopted on September 10, 2025.

**Town Clerk** – Brittany Washburn – Monthly reports for the Town Clerk and Water Clerk are on file and available for inspection. We need to switch the Town’s website from a .com to a .gov by December 21, 2025.

We do already have the domain name. Brittany will reach out to a few companies that have helped other municipalities with this transition.

**Ron Fisher** – Mr. Fisher handed out a map, to the Town Board, with the 2025 microcystin sample results. E-Coli testing is still ongoing. There is a presence of E. Coli, but it is not high.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Nichole Wall** – Local resident and works for a Community Energy Group – Ms. Wall spoke regarding possible solar credits that may be available for residents in our area. The credits could take about 10% off of electric bills. Ms. Wall will forward some information to the Town Clerk. Ms. Wall also discussed the solar fields that are planned for County Route 15. Ms. Wall reached out the Mr. McGregor from this project. Mr. McGregor told her that this solar project is still about six to eight months out from being built.

**Pam Pucell and Ed Eldridge** – Both are new to the area and are trying to familiarize themselves with our Town and Village meetings. They wanted to address an issue of vehicles speeding down Harwood Drive. Sometimes going as fast as 50mph - 70mph past their home. They will reach out to the Village of Sandy Creek since it is inside the Village limits.

**Pat McDougal** – Mrs. McDougal inquired about the meeting with Fogel and the DEC regarding CEHA. Supervisor Ridgeway stated that Mr. Fogel had postponed the meeting that was scheduled.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Town of Sandy Creek will hold special meetings to prepare for the 2026 Budget on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. November 5<sup>th</sup> will be the public hearing on the 2026 budget also at 5:30pm.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION #89-25** Motion made by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was **Adopted** with **4 Ayes** Ridgeway, Gove, Wood, and Warner  
**0 No**  
**1 Absent** Scheppard

**Resolved** that the bills be paid on Abstract #9 in the following amounts:

General Fund (A&B)	\$	66,043.61
Highway Fund (DA &DB)	\$	214,053.96
Water District #1 (SW1)	\$	5,118.69
Water District #2 (SW2)	\$	498.26
Water District #3 (SW3)	\$	3,333.40
Trust & Agency (TA)	\$	29,122.39
<b>Total Bills:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>318,170.31</b>

Highway Superintendent Kastler would like to meet with Ruth Scheppard and Meg Sprague to look into a short-term BAN for the Skinner Road project. This may help to alleviate financial stress as we wait for reimbursement.

**RESOLUTION #90-25** Motion made by Timothy D. Ridgeway, and seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was **Adopted** with **4 Ayes** Ridgeway, Gove, Wood, and Warner

**0 No**

**1 Absent** Scheppard

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 6:48pm to discuss the collective bargaining agreement. Everyone left the meeting. The Town Clerk waited in her office for the open meeting to resume.

**RESOLUTION #91-25** Motion made by Timothy D. Ridgeway, and seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was **Adopted** with **4 Ayes** Ridgeway, Wood, Gove, and Warner

**0 No**

**1 Absent** Scheppard

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 7:41 pm.

The Town Clerk re-entered the meeting.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**On motion** made by Nola J. Gove, and seconded by Dave Warner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brittany M. Washburn  
Town Clerk